

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL8776**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **White-Smith House**
6. Current building name: **Cambers House**
7. Building address: **426 Emery Street**
8. Owner name: **Timothy and Heather Chambers**
Owner address: **426 Emery Street**
Longmont CO 80501

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
SE¹/₄ of **NW¹/₄** of **SW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491576**
Northing: **4446041**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **North half 3** Block: **49**
Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ____ Determined Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Eligible - State Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
- ____ Needs Data
- ____ Contributes to eligible National Register District
- ____ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **884 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1.5**
17. Primary external wall material
Synthetics / Fiberglass
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Chimney
Fence
Porch

22. Architectural style /
building type:

Wood-frame Intersection-gable Dwelling

21. General Architectural Description

This house is located on the east side of Emery Street, between 424 Emery Street to the south and 430 Emery Street to the North. The building is surrounded by a planted grass yard with mature landscaping. A combination of chain-link and wooden fences entirely surround the backyard, and a garage is eight-five feet east of the house. The residence is set back approximately forty-four feet from the street and there is a wide grass strip separating the front sidewalk from the curb. Oriented to the west, the structure rests on a concrete foundation pierced by small vents. The exterior walls are clad in thin pale green, horizontal fiberglass siding and four-inch fiberglass corner boards. The complicated roof is moderately pitched and covered in gray asphalt shingles. The roof on the single-story southern portion of the front façade is a side gable, while the roof above the two story, northern portion is a front gable. The gables on subsequent additions run parallel to that on the two story section. All of the eaves are boxed. A chimney of brown-painted concrete blocks clings to the north elevation. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash with white painted wooden frames and surrounds. They are of new construction. Porches on the front and back of the house are on small concrete slabs and almost level with the ground. A shed roof covers the rear porch while the front porch sits beneath the main roof of the house. Small knee walls surround it.

A garage is located east of the house. Accessed from the south via a small driveway off the alley behind the lot, the garage is a rectangular building measuring twenty-four feet north-south and twenty-two feet east-west. It is clad in painted green, horizontal wood weatherboard and three-by-one-inch cornerboards. The fascia and soffit are painted white. Fiberglass rollaway garage doors protect the two large openings on the south side. A wooden slab door and a pair of casement windows pierce the west elevation. The front-gable roof is covered in gray, asphalt shingles.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This dwelling is located on the east side of Emery Street, in one of Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhoods. The area is now home to mixtures of single-family residences and a few small apartment buildings.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate **1877-1885**
Actual

Source of information:
Warranty Deed 80042261; "Water Ledger, City of Longmont, 1892-1899."

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Eben White

Source of information:
Warranty Deed 80064538; "Water Ledger, City of Longmont 1892-1899."

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

Even a causal survey of this structure reveal that it is one of the oldest houses on Emery Street, if not one of the oldest in Longmont. Water records indicate that the city first granted a water permit to the house in 1885. However, this is in the midst of the water system's creation and may only refer to the year in which the water main reached that part of Emery Street. As well, Eben White is the first person to own the lot singly rather than an entire block. The placement of steps in the house indicate that the two-story portion of this structure is most likely the oldest. The front wing was added before 1890, and the house remained in that form until it was moved several feet to the north shortly before 1830. At that time another room was added to the rear of front wing. By 1948 another room had been added to the rear of the house, centered between the two-story gable front and one-story wing.

30. Original location: **No**
Moved **Yes**
Date of move(s) **1918-1930**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

This house appears to have been built by Eben White, one of Longmont's preeminent pioneers. He was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts on September 18, 1845. On July 24, 1862, he enlisted with the 36th Massachusetts Volunteers. He later joined Company H of the Fifth Massachusetts Volunteers, where he served until the end of the Civil War. He was a charter member of Chicago-Colorado Colony, arriving in newly-named Longmont on May 6, 1871. From that time until 1874, he drove the stage between Erie and Longmont, before Longmont had its own railroad connection. He dabbled in mining, holding claims in several and owning the Tippecanoe and Eagle of the West mines. He soon sought a more stable income and opened a grocery store in Longmont. He then served as a cashier at the Emerson-Buckingham Bank before opening his own real estate, loan and insurance business. Smith moved from this house in 1880 to a much larger brick structure on the West Side. He died 1922.

By 1881, the house at 426 Emery belonged to Calvin H. Smith, about whom records say little. He resided here until 1885. In 1886, James W. Jones purchased the house. With George Hepner, he was owner of the Longmont Feed and Implement Company. By 1891, Ira Jones resided in the house and his wife, Daisy, resided there after Ira's death until 1903.

From 1903 to 1920 the house was home to John and Mary Lawson. John Lawson was born in Castletown on the Isle of Man, England on July 2, 1862. He came to the United States when he was 13, settling near Jefferson, Iowa. He moved to Longmont in 1899, working first as a laborer and then tending farm interests as widespread as Ault. John Lawson sold the house in 1920. He died twelve years later.

The next owner of the house was Elias Marquand, a farmer, merchant, and theater owner. He was born in Ohio on May 17, 1856 and soon moved with this family to an almost uninhabited part of Iowa. (His father helped form what is now Butler County, Iowa). Marquand came to Longmont in 1907. He farmed a small tract of land on north Collyer Street and operated a grocery store. Later, Marquand and his son, Ed, owned and operated the Isis Theater in Longmont. Elias sold his home on Emery Street in 1923 and the theater in 1925. He died in 1948. Harry L. and Rose McCasland then purchase the house and sold it a little more than a year later. Harry was in the cattle business, worked for the Kuner-Empson plan in Loveland and, later, owned a livery in Estes Park.

In 1924, L.G. Tracey purchased the house and his family owned it until 1971. Lawson Green Tracey was born on November 24, 1890 at Noble, Illinois and he came to Longmont in 1906. He married Sine M. Nielsen in Denver on September 6, 1912. Lawson Tracey farmed and raised livestock for a number of years. Later he owned and operated the Tracey Furniture Store in Longmont until around 1943. He was a member of the First Methodist Church. Sine Tracey came to the United States from Denmark in 1902 and moved to Longmont three years later. She was a registered nurse, serving as head surgical nurse at Longmont Hospital. At one time she was superintendent of a hospital in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Sometime in the 1920's, the Traceys moved their house from the center of the lot to its northern edge. In 1935, they built the house at 424 Emery Street and resided there while renting out 426. Curiously, city directories from the late 1940's show Sine living at 242 while Lawson lived at 426. Nevertheless, Lawson's home address was listed as 424 Emery Street at the time of his death in 1963. Sine lived at the house until she moved to a nursing home a few months before her death in 1969. Through Sine's will, the Lawson's daughter, Faithe Marie Young, inherited the properties and sold the houses separately.

From 1972 to 1981, the house passed from Allan M. and Martha P. Wineland; Robert and Joan M. Baker; Wilbur G. Tyler; and to Kenneth and Elsie Charron. Timothy and Heather Chambers purchased the house in 1999.

36. Sources of Information

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"Water Ledger, City of Longmont, 1892-1899." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

xx A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

xx C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

City of Longmont Standards for Designation

xx 2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.

2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

xx 2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

xx 2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

xx 2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.

2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.

2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.

2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1877-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant for its association with residential development in Longmont, beginning in the late 1800's and extending through the first half of the twentieth century. In addition, the property is significant for its association with Eben White and the Jones, Lawson and Marquand families, all of whom made important contributions to Longmont during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The house is also architecturally significant because it exhibits a unique vernacular style reflecting the materials and craftsmanship available during Longmont's pioneer period. The property's combined levels of historical significance and physical integrity may well be to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property certainly may be regarded as individually eligible to be designated as a City of Longmont landmark. The property would also be a contributing resource within either a National Register or local landmark historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This residence displays a low degree of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Most importantly it has been moved, diminishing its integrity of location. But, because it remains on the same lot, fronting the same street, integrity of setting remains. While this house has endured extensive modifications, its history may well outweigh its lack of historic physical integrity. The property does retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible:

Need Data: **xx**

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **n/a (see below)**

No: **n/a (see below)**

Discuss: **The property is located within the East Side Historic District which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-9**

Frame(s): **25 (garage); 26-29 (house)**

Negatives filed at:

**City of Longmont
Department of Community Development, Planning Division
Civic Center Complex
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **June 22, 2001**

50. Recorders: **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**